

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Europe Regional
<b>Program Title:</b>	Democratic Governance
<b>Pillar:</b>	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	180-0200
<b>Status:</b>	Program Support Objective
<b>Planned FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$693,000 AEEB
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$1,160,000 AEEB
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	2005
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	2010

**Summary:** USAID regional activities provide analysis and strategic programs that cannot be funded easily within single country programs as well as providing assistance for individual USAID Missions. Programs include regional work in strengthening civil society and independent media, free and fair elections and strengthened democratic political parties, rule of law and anticorruption, decentralized governance and strengthened local governance.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

**FY 2005 Program:** Strengthen Civil Society (\$101,000 AEEB). In FY 2005, the Regional Networking Program will finalize its efforts to consolidate a regional network of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), with continued emphasis on transferring Central and East European (CEE) reform experience throughout the region. The NGO Legal Reform Initiative serves South Eastern European (SEE) countries and institutionalizes NGO law in university curricula. An eighth edition of the NGO Sustainability Index (NGOSI) will be published. Each year, these materials serve as a vital analytic resource for the agency and its Missions as well as being available to external organizations. Technical assistance (TA) will be provided to USAID missions and TA and funding will be provided to partners to help them share lessons learned, develop approaches and tools to promote NGO sector sustainability, and foster ethnic and religious tolerance in a region still contending with ethnic and religious tensions and potential for conflict. Grantees: The International Center for Not-for-profit Law (ICNL) (prime), the European Center for Not-for-profit Law (ECNL) (sub), and to be determined.

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$100,000 AEEB). The Regional Media Program strengthens independent print and broadcast media in the region. FY 2005 priorities include encouraging more cross-border and regional investigative, anti-corruption reporting in broadcast and print media; monitoring media legal issues, including the drafting and implementation of media laws; defining best practices in media development; and assessing and ranking media systems in the region through the Media Sustainability Index (MSI). Technical assistance will be provided to USAID missions and partners to help them develop approaches and tools to promote the development of sustainable, independent media. Grantee: The International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX).

Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$142,000 AEEB). Work in this area includes technical assistance to encourage decentralization of national government power and resources and development of responsive local government able to provide appropriate services to the citizenry. Technical assistance also will be provided to strengthen democratic political parties and to promote and support free and fair elections as a means of arriving at just democratic governance. The eighth edition of Nations in Transit will be published, measuring democratic reform throughout the region and contributing to understanding of the programming challenges and development of appropriate strategies by USAID. Grantee: Freedom House (prime).

Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$350,000 AEEB). USAID provides limited funds for

advisors to provide organizational development assistance to key legal reform partner NGOs in Europe, a program which is winding down. USAID support to Europe missions includes assessments, strategy advice, workshops, and program design assistance to support regional and mission rule of law and anti-corruption objectives. Technical assistance will be provided to USAID missions and partners to help them devise appropriate initiatives for promoting and supporting justice sector institutions and anti-corruption reforms and protecting human rights and equal access to justice. Grantee: American Bar Association/Central Europe and Eurasia Law Initiative (ABA/CEELI).

**FY 2006 Program:** Strengthen Civil Society (\$220,000 AEED). In FY 2006 the ninth edition of the NGO Sustainability Index (NGOSI) will be published. Each year, these materials serve as a vital analytic resource for the agency and its Missions as well as being available to external organizations. Technical assistance will be provided to USAID missions and partners to help them develop approaches and tools to promote viable and vibrant civil society and to foster ethnic and religious tolerance in a region still contending with ethnic and religious tensions and potential for conflict. Grantees are the same as in FY 2005.

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$350,000 AEED). The Regional Media Program will continue to support regional and cross-border media development activities, creating linkages between journalists in different countries. Support of investigative reporting on cross-border issues-with a special emphasis on anti-corruption reporting, including trafficking in persons and organized crime-will increase. The MSI will continue to be supported, as will the annual media conference. Technical assistance will be provided to USAID missions and partners to help them develop approaches and tools to promote sustainable, independent media throughout the region. Grantee: IREX (prime).

Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$205,000 AEED). Work in this sector includes technical assistance to encourage decentralization of national government power and resources and development of responsive local government able to provide appropriate services to the citizenry. Technical assistance also will be provided to strengthen democratic political parties and to promote and support free and fair elections as a means of arriving at just democratic governance. The ninth edition of NIT will be published by Freedom House, measuring democratic reform throughout the region and contributing to understanding of the programming challenges and development of appropriate strategies by USAID. Grantee: Freedom House (prime).

Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$385,000 AEED). USAID support to Europe missions includes assessments, strategy advice, workshops, and program design assistance to support regional and mission rule of law and anti-corruption objectives. Technical assistance will be provided to USAID missions and partners to help them devise appropriate initiatives for promoting and supporting justice sector institutions and anti-corruption reforms and protecting human rights and equal access to justice. Contractor: various.

**Performance and Results:** The NGO Legal Reform Initiative through ICNL culminated in the establishment of the ECNL, which is now an independent European organization able to receive European Union funding and which will continue to serve SEE countries and institutionalize NGO law in university curricula. Seventh editions of the NGOSI and NIT were published. The fourth edition of the MSI was published. These publications all proved useful in projecting countries' progress and planning USG initiatives for democratic development in the region and the appropriate length of time for engagement. Twelve regional anti-corruption shows were produced for the region; and an anti-corruption website and news agency project have been expanded regionally. Through the justice sector strengthening activity, ABA/CEELI provided organizational development assistance to legal reform partner NGOs in Europe.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Eurasia Regional

110-0200 Democracy and Governance	<b>FSA</b>
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
<b>Fiscal Year 2004</b>	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>	
Obligations	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>	
Obligations	424
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005</b>	
Obligations	424
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>	
Obligations	1,027
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	1,451